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Legend of 2016-2017 Priorities:

- Focused Redevelopment
- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Planning for the Future
- Enterprise Facilities
- Intergovernmental Relations

Speak Up, Edina!

The City's next online discussion is now available at SpeakUpEdina.org. The discussion, which focuses on the Centennial Lakes Farmers Market, is available until May 9.

In June, Centennial Lakes Park will kick off its seventh-annual Farmers Market. The weekly event allows consumers to purchase directly from farmers, growers and producers, ensuring a high level of freshness and quality. Approximately three dozen vendors set up along the walkways outside Hughes Pavilion and sell items such as fruits, vegetables, meats, jams, honey, cheeses, breads, confections and more. The Market is held 3-7 p.m. Thursdays June 16 to Sept. 29, 2016.

In the discussion, the City asks whether residents visit and buy products at the Centennial Lakes Farmers Market and what they purchase, what they think of the quality and selection of products available from vendors, and what types of products or vendors should be added or explored that aren't currently offered at the Farmers Market. Feedback from this discussion will be compiled and presented to the City Council May 17.

This month, the City has been gathering feedback on advertising. Questions asked include what residents think of the amount of advertising compared to content in its publications; whether residents patronize businesses they see support the City through advertising; if the City should sell more advertising at City facilities; and what residents think of expanding advertising even further, to areas such as on water towers, in City parking ramps such as at 50th & France, and on the City website. This discussion is open until April 11. Feedback will be compiled and presented to the City Council April 19.

To weigh in on a discussion, visit SpeakUpEdina.org.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Edina City Hall

Friday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.
Family Movie Night, Edinborough Park

Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m.
Walk With the Mayor, Centennial Lakes Park

Saturday, April 9
Town Hall Meeting, Edina City Hall

Sunday, April 10, 1-3 p.m.
Days of Remembrance, Edina City Hall

Monday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.
Community Health Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m.
Park Board Meeting, Edina City Hall

Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m.
Heritage Preservation Board Meeting, Edina City Hall

Wednesday, April 13, 6 p.m.
Metro Blooms Rain Garden Workshop, Edina Public Works Facility

Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Thursday, April 14, 6 p.m.
"A Smart Energy Future" Environmental Forum, Edina High School

Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Edina City Hall

Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 p.m.
Volunteer Recognition Reception, Braemar Golf Course

Thursday, April 21, 6 p.m.
Transportation Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m.
Human Rights & Relations Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Thursday, April 28, 4:30 p.m.
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Bridge Designated a Historical Place

The City received notification from the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office last month that an unassuming bridge on Wooddale Avenue is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Works Progress Administration (WPA), as part of a federal relief project, constructed the Wooddale Avenue bridge in 1937 during the Great Depression to provide work to the unemployed.

"In 1937, the Village of Edina provided the design, engineering and materials, while the federal government provided the labor," explained Joyce Repya, Senior Planner.

Denis Gardner, National Register Historian with the Minnesota Historical Society, said the federal relief program helped provide different types of jobs during the Great Depression.

"It put unskilled people to work. Workers could literally bolt [the corrugated steel arches] together; it didn't take a lot of skill to bolt them together. But then you'd hire the stone mason – the highly crafted person – who would put the facing of stone on it. So, you're putting to work those who are unskilled and those who are also skilled," he said.

Together, workers built the bridge using a combination of corrugated steel to form the arch structure; the masons then used Platteville Limestone to form the headwalls, railings and wingwalls.

The Wooddale Avenue bridge was built at the same time as St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, across the street at 4439 W. 50th St. Both were constructed using Platteville

Limestone. The Village originally considered using boulders for the bridge's construction, but altered the materials to complement the church.

"It's designed in this rustic style, which fits very well in its setting because its setting is Minnehaha Creek. You don't cross Minnehaha Creek with something ugly. You want to cross Minnehaha Creek with something that's going to decorate the landscape, not take away from

the landscape," said Gardner.

"By recognizing the significance of your property and planning for its preservation, you are participating in the national movement which aims to preserve, for the benefit of future generations, our cultural heritage," wrote Barbra Mitchell Howard, Deputy State Historic Preservation

Officer for the Minnesota Historical Society in her Feb. 2 letter to the City of Edina declaring the Wooddale Avenue bridge's placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

As a part of its 2016 work plan, the Heritage Preservation Board is going forward with a request to the Edina City Council to have the Wooddale Avenue bridge designated a local Heritage Landmark. The City will be responsible for maintaining and preserving the bridge, and a plan of treatment to accompany the landmark designation will ensure that.

"The Wooddale Avenue bridge can last a long, long time," Gardner said. "It just has to be maintained."

For more information, contact Repya at 952-826-0462 or jrepya@EdinaMN.gov.



File photo

The Wooddale Avenue bridge over Minnehaha Creek features limestone masonry headwalls, railings and wingwalls.

Braemar Plans Summer Bean Bag League

If the winter league was any indication, this summer's Bean Bag League will be a big hit.

The winter league, which wrapped up last month, was made up of adults of all ages with a wide range of bean bag skills. On Thursday evenings, the participants tossed bags in friendly two-person team competition. The first five weeks were standard league play with the final championship tournament played on Feb. 25.

"The league is laid back and the main point is to have a good time. It's a great opportunity to get together with friends and have some fun one night a week," said Adam Tilsner, Pro Shop Attendant at Braemar Golf Course.

Participant Mary McGarry said, "I saw it on Twitter and I thought 'this is something I can do with friends.' I was pleasantly surprised at how much fun it was and it was not a huge commitment."

The winter league was played inside the clubhouse, so the distance



Photo by Adam Tilsner

The champs of the winter Bean Bag League were Brian Lambert and Andrew Foreman. Their league record was 13-1.

between the boards was slightly less than if players were playing outside. The summer league will move outdoors to take advantage of the beautiful summer evenings.

"The Braemar Bean Bag League focuses on fun, friendly competition for people of all skill levels. Teams in past leagues are already looking forward to spending summer evenings tossing bags while having some food and drinks from our friends at Tin Fish," said Tilsner.

The summer Bean Bag League will run June 16-July 21 on Thursday evenings.

Two-person teams must register. There is a maximum of 12 teams in the summer league. Registration is open until filled. To register, visit BraemarGolf.com and click on "Special Events."

For more information, call Braemar Golf Course at 952-903-0420 or visit BraemarGolf.com.



By the Numbers: Edina Police Department

Officers are Proud to Serve and Protect



77 There were 77 registered Night to Unite block parties in 2015. Night to Unite will be held Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016.

57,560

In 2015, the 911 Dispatch Center took 57,560 calls. Of those, 52,379 were police related and 5,181 were fire related.

18 The Police Department's fleet includes 19 squads.



52 There are 52 sworn officers on the force, including Patrol Officers, Detectives, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Deputy Chief and Chief.



The Police Department has two K9s, Blitz and Blade. The department also has two motorcycles and one Segway.

5 Five Community Service Officers, or CSOs, support the Police Department.

For more information, contact the Edina Police Department, 952-826-1610 or EdinaMN.gov/Police.

Commercial Development Tracker

In this commercial development tracker, the City of Edina includes commercial reconstruction projects or new constructions that have been completed in the last 12 months, are currently under construction, have filed a formal application to the City, have been approved or have presented a non-binding sketch plan to either the Planning Commission or the City Council. For more information, visit EdinaMN.gov/Planning or contact the Planning Division at 952-826-0369.

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Business/Project: Grandview/Former Public Works site

Location: 5146 Eden Ave.

Developer: Unknown

Status: In Progress

The City of Edina is in the process of determining what mix of public and private uses could best work on the site.
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Business/Project: The Link

Location: 4901, 1815, 4820, 4600, 4660, 4510, 4530, 4550 W. 77th St. and 7600 Parklawn Ave.

Developer: Hillcrest Development

Status: Unknown

The developer plans to redevelop the 43-acre site in southeast Edina. The plan may include 1.4 million square feet of office space, 40,000 square feet of retail and a 400-room hotel. The six-story tower at 4640 W. 77th St. was torn down in late 2014.
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Business/Project: 50th & France Parking Ramps

Location: 50th & France

Developer: City of Edina

Status: Complete

In 2014, the City of Edina completed upgrades to the parking ramps at 50th & France, including new paint, parking surfaces, LED lighting, way-finding signage and other maintenance. The City also acquired property at 3930 and 3944 W. 49 1/2 St. to expand parking. The City is currently weighing its options with the sites.
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Business/Project: 71 France

Location: 7161 France Ave.

Developer: Lund Food Holdings

Status: In Progress

Construction is nearing completion on a seven-story, 109-unit apartment building with 10,450 square feet of retail; another six-story, 77-unit apartment building with 10,711 square feet of retail; and a six-story, 48-unit apartment building with 11,162 square feet of retail. All three buildings include two levels of underground parking.
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Business/Project: Fairview Southdale Hospital

Location: 6401 France Ave. S.

Developer: Brian Lubben, Walker & Associates/ Fairview Southdale Hospital

Status: Complete

Construction finished in August 2015 on a new 89,000-square-foot expansion of the hospital's emergency room.
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Business/Project: Aurora on France

Location: 4005 W. 65th St. & 6500 France Ave.

Developer: Aurora Investments, LLC/Mount Development.

Status: In Progress

Construction is under way on a 220,000-square-foot, five-story, 195-unit senior care building. The plan includes one level of underground parking.
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Business/Project: Southdale Medical Center

Location: 6545 France Ave. S.

Developer: Oak Development

Status: Complete

The existing building was expanded with a four-story, 60,000-square-foot addition and new parking ramp.
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Business/Project: The Onyx

Location: 6725 York Ave. S.

Developer: Lennar

Status: In Progress

Construction has begun on a six-story, 296,000-square-foot building with 242 luxury apartments and 12,000 square feet of first-floor retail.
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Business/Project: One Southdale Place

Location: One Southdale Place

Developer: Stuart Co.

Status: Complete

Construction is finished on 3-, 5- and 10-story apartment buildings containing 232 luxury units.
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Business/Project: Restaurant

Location: 7700 France Ave.

Developer: Frauenshuh, Inc./Parasole Restaurant Holdings

Status: Approved

The developer received approval to build a 7,600-square-foot freestanding seafood restaurant. The building will have seating for up to 242 diners and an outdoor seating area and bar along France Avenue.
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Business/Project: Commercial Development

Location: 5100 Edina Industrial Blvd.

Developer: DJR Architects

Status: Unknown

The developer proposed to tear down the existing 20,388-square-foot office building and build a new 16,000-square-foot retail building with a drive-thru.
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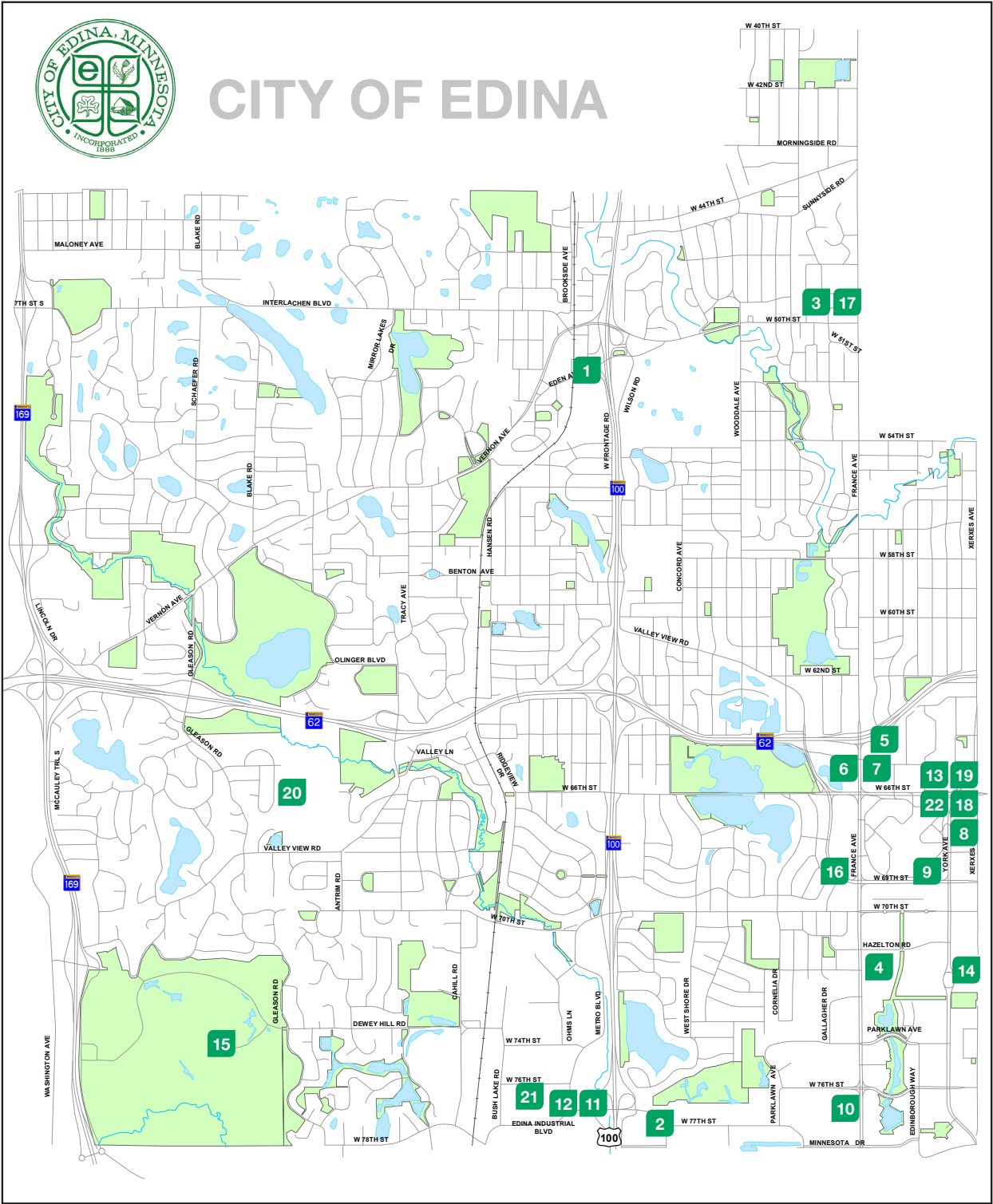
Business/Project: Commercial Development

Location: 5108 Edina Industrial Blvd.

Developer: Frauenshuh Commercial Real Estate

Status: Complete

Construction is complete on a new 10,000-square-foot retail building with a drive-thru.



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Business/Project: 66 West

Location: 3330 W. 66th St.

Developer: Beacon Interfaith Housing

Status: In Progress

The City approved a rezoning and development plan to redevelop the 18,179-square-foot former bank. The developer plans to remodel and expand the building into 39 studio apartment units for young adults who have experienced homelessness. The proposed addition is 11,888 square feet.
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Business/Project: Yorktown Gardens

Location: 7151 York Ave.

Developer: Mesaba Capital

Status: In Progress

Construction is under way on a new four-story, 100-unit senior assisted living building west of the existing Yorktown Continental Living apartments. Thirty of the units will be used for memory care.
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Business/Project: Braemar Golf Course

Location: 6364 John Harris Drive

Developer: City of Edina

Status: In Progress

The Course's driving range was expanded and improved and the executive course was reconstructed as a Par 3 called the Academy 9. Both will reopen this summer. This fall, the 27-hole regulation course will be closed and converted to a better 18-hole course.
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Business/Project: Bank of America

Location: 6868 France Ave.

Developer: Bank of America

Status: Approved

The developer proposed to replace the existing building with a one-story, 6,993-square-foot, LEED-certified Bank of America with a drive-up ATM. Merrill Lynch would also be a tenant in the building, but each business would have a separate, dedicated entrance.
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Business/Project: Walgreens

Location: 4916 France Ave. S.

Developer: NLD Edina LLC

Status: Proposed

The developer proposes to tear down the existing Walgreens store and build a new 14,265-square-foot Walgreens with four levels of residential above with 64 apartment units. The plan proposes two levels of underground parking for the apartments and 20 enclosed surface parking spaces for the store.
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Business/Project: Gateway Pointe

Location: 3101 W. 66th St. and 6612 Xerxes Ave.

Developer: Bull Moose Construction

Status: Pending Final Approval

The developer proposes to remove the existing structure and build a six-story, 210-unit apartment building on the two-acre site. The building would have one level of underground parking and a 1,760-square-foot restaurant/coffee shop with outdoor seating.
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Business/Project: The Millennium at Southdale

Location: 6550 Xerxes Ave. and 3250 W. 66th St.

Developer: DLC Residential

Status: Proposed

The developer proposes a two-stage development with this site. If approved, the existing office building at 3250 W. 66th St. would be razed and replaced with a six- or seven-story, 227-unit apartment building. In a second phase of development, the office building at 6550 Xerxes Ave. would also be razed and a five- or six-story, 145-unit apartment building would be built. Each building includes parking. The two buildings, comprising approximately 421,268 square feet, would sit on the site's 5.65 acres.
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Business/Project: Edina High School Addition

Location: 6754 Valley View Road

Developer: Edina Public Schools

Status: Approved

Edina Public Schools plans to build a 142,000-square-foot addition to the existing Edina High School. The additional space will be used to house the ninth grade, which will move from South View and Valley View middle schools.
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Business/Project: Edina Transportation Facility

Location: 7600 Metro Blvd.

Developer: Edina Public Schools

Status: Proposed

The Edina School Board recently approved the purchase of land for construction of a new school district transportation services facility. The 9.25-acre site will accommodate the current fleet as well as future program expansion. The District is currently designing and planning the new facility.
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Business/Project: Hilton Homewood Suites

Location: Southwest Corner of 66th Street and York Avenue

Developer: Noble Investment Group

Status: Proposed

The developer proposes a four-story, 146-room hotel in the northeast corner of the Southdale Center property. The upscale, all-suites hotel would include an indoor swimming pool, fitness room, meeting rooms and a large gathering space called "The Lodge." The hotel is anticipated to be branded as a Hilton Homewood Suites.